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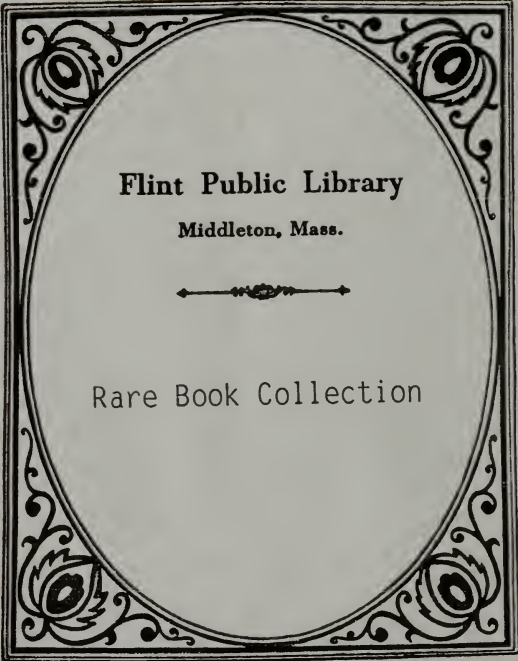
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TOWN REPORT.

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Jennie A. Lee, teaching grammar school,	\$457 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching primary school,	418 00
Alice L. Roberts, teaching intermediate school,	60 00
Euphenia Smith, teaching intermediate school,	140 00
Gertrude H. Tibbetts, teaching intermediate school,	63 00
Elizabeth H. Hoar, teaching intermediate school,	183 00
Hattie I. Lake, teaching intermediate school,	54 00
George E. Currier, transporting school children,	240 00
Moses Peabody, transporting school children,	280 00
Augustus Shepard, janitor,	101 70
John Botts, janitor,	8 35
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,005 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2.005 05	
Harry E. Curtis, janitor,	4 50	
George P. Wilkins, use of well,	3 00	
Lore & Russell, coal,	52 50	
H. K. Richardson, drawing coal,	10 00	
U. S. Stone, drawing coal,	1 25	
Town of Middleton, for wood,	10 00	
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		\$2,086 30
Balance due the schools,		525 25
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		\$2611 55
Balance due the schools last year,	\$426 00	
Town appropriation,	1,700 00	
State school fund,	345 03	
Amount received for dog licence,	52	
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		\$2,611 55

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$800 00
Paid to Town of Danvers for tuition of 12 pupils 1896,	270 00
Paid to Town of Danvers for tuition of 12 pupils 1897,	456 25
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	726 25
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Unexpended appropriation,	\$73 75

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Augustus Shepard, setting glass.	\$ 60
John Bott, repairing fence,	1 00
Charles J. Brown, labor on school-house,	7 00
John F. Higgins, labor on school-house,	7 00
M. E. Tyler, material for schoolhouse,	8 10
J. F. Gidding, reseating chairs,	1 50
H. M. Bixby & Co., shades and rollers,	7 68
Pope Brothers, lumber for school-house,	13 35
E. Dernier, labor on schoolhouse,	23 21
E. Dernier, repairs in order for painting,	12 83
Fay McGlauffin, cleaning blinds for schoolhouse,	3 43
Hardy Brothers, windows for school-house,	18 00
J. E. Ropes, supplies for schoolhouse,	3 80
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for schoolhouse,	11 35
Salem Evening News, printing,	4 25
Augustus Shepard, cleaning windows,	2 00
Augustus Shepard, setting glass,	15
Oscar Cram, truant officer,	3 00
Maurice E. Tyler, express, labor, car fare, use of team,	24 90
Edward M. Ingalls, journey out of town looking up teacher,	2 00
Augustus Shepard, cleaning glass,	2 50
Augustus Shepard, setting glass,	1 45

\$159 10

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$159 10
Overdrawn,	\$ 34 10	
Appropriation,	125 00	
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		\$225 00
J. L. Hammet,	\$79 32	
D. C. Heath Co.,	3 60	
Ginn & Company,	10 00	
B. S. S. Milton Co.,	90	
Thompson Brown & Co.,	3 75	
American Book Co.,	25 67	
DeWolfe Fisk & Co.,	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$126 19
Unexpended		98 81
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		\$225 00

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation,		\$75 00
Charles J. Brown, labor,	\$15 00	
John F. Higgins, labor,	15 00	
Pope Brothers, lumber,	44 34	
	<hr/>	\$74 34
Unexpended appropriation,		66

PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE.

J. Allen Atwood, labor painting,	41	25	
Harley M. Tyler, labor painting,	42	75	
Charles J. Brown, labor painting,	24	00	
M. E. Tyler, paint and supplies,	10	75	
H. W. Johns & Co., paint,	70	10	
M. E. Tyler, taking charge painting,			
labor and repairs,	15	00	
			\$203 85
Appropriation,			175 00
			28 85
Cash received for paint sold,			19 77
Amount overdrawn,			\$9 08

GRADING SCHOOL HOUSE YARD.

Appropriation,			\$50 00
H. K. Richardson, labor and team,	20	00	
Chester Campbell, labor,	1	50	
B. T. McGlauffin, labor,	22	50	
			\$44 00
Unexpended,			\$6 00

Department of Overseers of the Poor.

City of Malden, aid for Mary K.	
Mansfield,	\$180 00
City of Salem, aid for George Wells,	35 68
City of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	34 10
Town of Peabody, board for Harriet	
Smith,	130 00
Town of Peabody, board for Frank	
Perkins,	44 07
Town of Topsfield, aid for Eri B.	
Tyler,	53 00
Town of Danvers, aid for William	
Melcher,	31 00
Town of Georgetown, aid for David	
P. Hutchinson,	121 50
State Lunatic Hospital, board for	
Sarah Rennerd,	181 26
Cash paid for nursing family of	
Joseph Colbey,	97 58
Cash paid for house rent for family	
of Joseph Colbey,	14 00
Cash paid for medical attendance for	
family of Joseph Colbey	145 00
Cash paid for fuel for family of	
Joseph Colbey,	8 50
Cash paid for washing for family of	
Joseph Colbey,	3 84
B. T. McGlaufflin, cash paid for family	
of Joseph Colbey,	2 28
Cash paid for board of James Durrah,	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,085 81

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,085 81	
Charles Newhall, trip to Peabody on account of Mrs. Smith,	1 25	
Lucy McGlauflin, repairing cloths on account of Mrs. Smith,	6 00	
A. W. Peabody, clothing for Mrs. Smith,	3 88	
George W. White, cash paid on account of Frank Perkins,	2 50	
F. E. Batchelder, use of team to Melrose and Peabody on account of Frank Perkins,	3 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, use of team to Georgetown, on account of David P. Hutchison,	2 50	
Aid for Mrs. Chandler,	1 50	
H. G. Vinal, professional services for Joseph Chandler,	3 00	
H. H. Pillsbury, use of hack for con- veying Joseph Chandler,	4 00	
Cash paid being balance due B. T. McGlaulin term of 1896,	13 75	
Samuel Hobbs, printing and sup- plies,	5 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, services as over- seer and cash paid,	30 00	
Fred W. Giles, services as overseer,	20 00	
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer,	20 00	
Whole amount of overseers orders drawn,	\$1,202 44	
Locking up 479 tramps,	23 95	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house,	34 70	
Unsettled bills,	175 00	
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	\$1,436 09	

Due from Gloucester, on account of Joseph Colbey,	\$270 74	
Due from State, on account of James Durrah,	4 00	
Cash received from Otis Rennerd,	95 82	
Due from Otis Rennerd,	85 44	
Outstanding bills of last year paid,	75 00	
Whole cost of supporting town's poor,	905 09	
		\$1,436 09
Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Whole cost of supporting town poor,		905 09
Unexpended,		\$94 91
Due from Gloucester on account of Joseph Colbey for 1897,		\$920 35

Wood and Tramp Department.

Daniel Fuller, chopping blocks,	\$ 2 00	
Charles Cross, drawing wood,	25 62	
William Freeman, cutting wood,	12 47	
George Margeson, cutting wood,	8 10	
Frank Benítez, working tramps,	30 50	
“ “ repairs,	55	
“ “ care of sick tramps, 3 days,	1 00	
		80 24

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$80 24	
Frank Benitez, locking up 479 tramps,	23 95	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	34 70	
Value of wood on stump,	20 00	
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		\$158 89

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Mrs. D. Wells, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	\$ 5 00	
Frank Russell, 2½ cords of wood, sawed and split,	12 50	
Frank Russell, 2 cords of wood,		
Henry Peabody, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	6 00	
	5 00	
Frank Bentiez, ½ cord wood,	2 00	
“ “ 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	4 50	
Schools, 2 cords of wood, sawed and split,	10 00	
Frank Russell, 2 cords of wood,	7 50	
Scott Wilkins, 1 cord of wood,	3 00	
“ “ ½ cord of wood, sawed and split,	2 75	
A. Nickerson, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	5 00	
Charles Cross, 1½ cords of wood,	4 50	
Value of wood on hand,	20 00	
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		\$ 87 75
Cost for support of tramps,		71 14
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		\$158 89

Highway Department.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
George E. Soper,	\$109 50	
John Q. Averill,	114 88	
M. E. Tyler,	54 75	
B. F. Gould,	33 00	
Frank Curtis,	49 75	
Oscar Cram,	76 50	
John Rier,	36 00	
William H. Margerson,	39 75	
John Milberry,	94 50	
A. M. Richardson,	67 50	
Joseph King,	33 90	
Warren Thomas,	21 00	
George Fuller,	5 25	
Chester Campbell,	47 50	
William C. Hayward,	3 00	
Frank Curtis,	24 00	
Andy Holt,	8 00	
Oscar Cram,	47 50	
George Margerson,	7 75	
John W. Demsey,	9 75	
Charles W. Darling, team,	7 50	
Jere Pelletier,	3 00	
J. Henry Fletcher,	7 50	
E. G. Fletcher, gravel,	1 35	
Oscar Cram, use of team,	18 50	
Ames Plough Co., supplies,	9 69	
George Tyler, supplies,	9 00	
Oscar Cram, supplies,	6 24	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	2 10	
		\$948 66
Unexpended,		51 34
		<u>\$1,000 00</u>

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
Oscar Cram, labor,	\$ 9 00	
E. L. Kelley, concreting,	25 00	
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		\$34 00
Unexpended,		16 00
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		\$50 00

BRIDGES.

Joe King,	\$3 00	
Jere Pelletier,	3 00	
C. W. Darling, team,	6 00	
Oscar Cram,	22 76	
Frank Curtis,	5 25	
Charles J. Brown,	3 75	
John W. Demsey,	1 50	
George Margerson,	3 85	
M. E. Tyler, team,	4 50	
Pope Bros., lumber,	45 24	
Frank McDonald, rebuilding,	40 00	
H. K. Richardson, stone,	2 00	
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	6 24	
A. W. Peabody, posts,	5 44	
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		\$152 53
Appropriation,		150 00
Overdrawn,		2 53
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		\$152 53

REMOVING SNOW.

B. T. McGlauflin,	\$ 3 30
John P. Fuller,	3 00
Oscar Cram,	7 20
Loren Goodwin,	1 00
Benjamin Metcalf,	7 20
Joseph King,	7 20
James H. Martin,	5 00
George Margerson,	7 00
William Margerson,	4 40
Ralph Wilkins,	7 00
James Milbury,	5 70
Joseph A. Atwood,	5 60
J. Henry Fletcher,	3 20
Otis H. Rennard,	2 20
Winnie McGlauflin,	3 00
Chas. Hayward,	16 20
Jerry Smith,	4 00
Henry Burchard,	4 00
William Brooks,	1 40
Charles Sugarman,	1 00
Fred Collins,	1 00
Morris Hawk,	1 00
John Libby,	60
James Porter,	60
James Rier,	5 40
Max Shultz,	60
John Rier,	3 00
Harry Russel,	1 00
J. J. H. Gregory,	40 00
Lewis Maynard,	5 40
Felix Maynard,	5 40

Amonnt carried forward,

\$162 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$162 60
Frank Margerson,	3 00
Will Richardson,	98
William T. Martin,	1 00
John P. Fuller,	14 40
Leo Porter,	60
Levi F. Harlow,	2 00
W. E. Sanford,	10 80
A. D. Bryer,	1 00
John W. Demsey,	1 00
Harley Tyler,	80
Roland Peabody,	2 00
John Knight,	1 00
Samuel M. Peabody,	2 20
Jesse L. Peabody,	3 60
H. E. Howe,	3 00
Asa Howe,	1 80
G. M. Derry,	5 00
John McCowan,	3 60
Will Richardson,	5 20
George Hinman,	32 60
Harry Flick,	4 60
Earl Collins,	4 40
Walter Metcalf,	80
Joseph Chandler,	3 20
Bert Hinman,	3 00
Moses Peabody,	2 00
W. W. Wilkins,	7 00
Ira Kitchen,	5 30
John Demsey,	7 00
Alvin A. Wilkins,	4 40
W. H. Gould,	4 80
Horace Flint,	4 80

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$309 48
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$309 48
John Q. Averill,	1 50
Joseph Alias,	2 00
Samuel Currier,	5 10
Charles J. Brown,	6 00
John W. Millbury,	5 00
Porter I. Gould,	3 60
George P. Gould,	5 20
Charles I. Gould,	5 00
W. E. Gould,	4 00
L. P. Tufts,	12 80
George E. Peabody,	2 20
B. W. Peabody,	3 60
A. D. Bryer,	6 00
A. M. Richardson,	2 80
Liman S. Wilkins,	9 40
G. Payson Wilkins,	5 50
W. S. Millbury,	5 80
Willie Mennard,	4 80
James Durrah,	4 90
Daniel Murray,	6 00
Will C. Hayward,	1 35
Joseph Sicard,	2 50
Joseph Ouilette,	2 40
George Ouilette,	2 40
Stephen Ouilette,	60
Frank Benitez,	6 40
D. W. Kitchen,	1 40
W. W. Brown,	4 40
Edwin Currier,	6 70
Norton Demsey,	4 00
John Donovan,	5 80
Burton McGlaufflin,	5 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$454 23

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$454 53
Ed. Fuller,	5 00
Oscar Cram,	11 05
Walter Rounds,	4 80
George Currier,	1 48
John Higgins,	2 00
Ralph C. Wilkins,	3 60
John Crosby,	4 80
George E. Soper,	17 40
W. P. Earley,	3 40
Frank Witham,	4 00
C. F. Floyd,	5 20
Warren Thomas,	80
Austin C. Peabody,	7 20
Oscar Cram,	9 00
H. K. Richardson,	58 70
John R. Curtis,	2 00
Willie Richardson,	3 90
John A. Curtis,	2 00
C. A. Fletcher,	1 20
A. W. Peabody,	2 40
John C. Metcalf,	5 00

\$609 08

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$75 00
Andrew W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	75 00
Dana I. Nash, Selectman and As- sessor,	75 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
Andrew W. Peabody, " " "	10 00
Dana I Nash, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
" " " Town Clerk,	8 00
" " " " Treasurer,	35 00
" " " recording marriages, births and deaths,	15 45
Andrew W. Peabody, services as Inspector of cattle and meat,	40 00
M. E. Tyler, school committee,	35 00
B. T. Glaufin, " "	30 00
Edward M. Ingalls, school committee,	20 00
Oscar Cram, constable,	35 00
Charles J. Brown, police,	6 00
Frank H. Benitez, "	6 00
Fred W. Giles, election officer,	3 00
B. T. McGlaufin, " "	3 00
Loren G. Estey, " "	3 00
Oscar Cram, " "	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$507 45</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$507 45
B. T. McGlaufflin, school committee	
1896,	17 50
Henry A. Young, election officer,	3 00
Albert A. Wilkins, Auditor,	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, collector of taxes,	110 40

\$643 35

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

H. A. Wilkins & Son, supplies for	
Mrs. Wells,	\$ 6 92
H. A. Wilkins & Son, supplies for	
Frank Russell,	76 00
Town of Middleton, wood for Frank	
Russell,	18 50
Dr. Holland, medical attendance	
for Frank Russel,	4 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Frank	
Russell,	6 25
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies for Frank	
Russell,	76 38
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Frank	
Russell,	23 73
Jesse W. Peabody, cash paid for	
medicines for Frank Russell,	2 00
Walter Metcalf for milk, for Frank	
Russell,	14 00
Dr. Vinal, medical attendance for	
Frank Russell,	4 00
Warren G. Perkins, house rent for	
Frank Russell,	45 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$276 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$276 78
G. A. Bean, moving goods for Frank Russell,	10 00
Cash paid house rent in Lynn for Frank Russell,	10 00
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Mrs. D. Wells,	2 79
Lore & Russell, coal for Mrs. D. Wells,	6 25
Daniel Donovan, boarding Mrs. D. Wells,	51 00
Dr. Rohrer, medical attendance for Mrs. D. Wells,	9 50
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Henry Peabody,	15 00
Lore & Russell, coal one-half ton for Henry Peabody,	3 12
Town of Middleton, wood, for Henry Peabody,	5 00
Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell,	156 00
Town of Melrose, clothing for W. F. Russell,	16 25
Elizabeth M. McGlauffin,	48 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Scott Wilkins,	6 25
Town of Middleton, wood for Scott Wilkins,	5 75
Lore & Russell, coal for Ancel Nickerson,	3 13
Town of Middleton, wood, for Ancel Nickerson,	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$529 82

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$529 82	
Dr. Rohrer, medical attendance for		
Henry Peabody,	3 00	
Frank Russell, cash,	15 00	
City of Lynn, aid for Frank Russell,	5 50	
Dr. Vinal, medical attendance for		
Henry Peabody,	1 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for		
Henry Peabody,	4 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for		
Henry Peabody, 1895-96,	19 00	
Town of Middleton, wood for Mrs. D.		
Wells,	5 00	
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		\$682 32
Cash received of A. W. Peabody,		
for coal,	\$ 4 00	
Cost for Soldier's relief,	678 32	
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		\$682 32

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Hugh Cook,	\$36 00	
Catharine Danforth,	24 00	
Susan A. Stewart,	42 00	
Sarah M. Mathews,	48 00	
Henry Peabody,	32 00	
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00	
Isaiah B. Peabody,	24 00	
Patrick Donovan,	56 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody,	36 00	
Mary E. Manning,	48 00	
Annie J. Sheldon,	42 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$436 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$436 00
Angeline Newhall,	48 00
Albert R. Bowley,	48 00
Ancel Nickerson,	12 00

\$544 00

MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Scott Wilkins,	\$12 00
Benjamin F. Gould,	6 00

\$18 00

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

DR.

Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	\$6 35
Lore & Russell, coal,	37 50
Danvers Water Board, water,	6 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	40
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies,	8 89
Henry A. Young, janitor,	86 40
“ “ “ supplies,	3 60

\$149 14

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Cash received from I. O. R. M.	\$52 25
“ “ “ First Congregational Society,	15 00
Cash received from entertainments and dance,	72 40

\$139 75

Balance against the Town,

9 39

\$149 14

**FOOTLIGHTS AND CURTAINS FOR
TOWN HALL.**

Appropriation,	\$125 00
O. L. Story, curtains and footlights,	8125 00

CEMETERY.

Appropriation,	\$125 00
John M. Peabody, labor,	\$99 50
“ “ “ removing snow,	5 00
“ “ “ supt. of cemetery,	10 00
Danvers Water Board, water for cemetery,	6 00
	<hr/> \$120 50
Unexpended,	4 50
	<hr/> \$125 00

**NAMING AVENUES AND ERECTING BOARDS
IN CEMETERY.**

Appropriation,	\$30 00
M.E.Tyler, painting and lettering boards,	\$16 20
Andrew W. Peabody, posts,	13 00
	<hr/> \$29 20
Unexpended,	80

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount expended by the committee,	97 48
Amount unexpended	<hr/> \$ 2 52

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

American Express Co., express on stove,	\$ 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, car fare and time to Boston,	1 83	
B. T. McGlauflin, freight and express on hose,	70	
B. T. McGlauflin, cash paid C. Bagley, carrying hose, etc.,	2 50	
Henry F. Knowles, hose, etc.,	163 00	
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguisher,	22 00	
J. F. Porter, chairs and tables,	7 40	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	78	
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies,	80	
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove and funnel,	6 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, compensation to firemen,	60 00	
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		\$265 51
Appropriation,		260 00
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Overdrawn,		\$5 51

FOREST FIRES.

Paid B. T. McGlauflin, forest fire warden,	7 65	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire in No. Reading,	76 42	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire near paper mill,	4 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire on River street,	159 65	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$247 72	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$247 72	
Martin Hayward, fighting fire on River street,	13 50	
Oscar Cram, watchman at fire on River street,	4 50	
D. I. Nash, time and expenses with the state fire marshall,	5 50	
B. T. McGlauflin, services as fire warden,	5 00	
		\$276 22

ABATEMENTS.

Jessie W. Peabody, tax list of 1892,	\$10 65	
" " " " " " 1893,	73 93	
" " " " " " 1894,	132 32	
Samuel A. Fletcher, " " " 1890,	21 26	
" " " " " " 1891,	8 14	
Frank L. Estey, " " " 1895,	50 93	
		\$297 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry M. Meek, birth return, books and postage,	\$ 83	
M. E. Tyler, attending hearing in Boston,	6 00	
J. A. Shatswell, returning births,	75	
Barry & Lufkin, printing town reports,	45 35	
" " " " school reports,	20 80	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$162 60	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$999 99
Farr & Silsbee, surveying for state highway,	150 00
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, state record ink,	75
Lewis Brown, bound stone, North Andover and Middleton,	7 00
E. A. Mackintire, record book,	1 50
John M. Peabody, returning 9 deaths,	2 25
" " " care street lamp,	12 00
H. A. Wilkins, supplies street lamp,	6 93
Samuel A. Fletcher, cash paid keys to ballot box,	55
Samuel A. Fletcher, express, postage and stationery,	4 80
Samuel A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 00
Jesse W. Peabody, tax book and express,	1 15
Jesse W. Peabody, journey out town, car fare and postage,	3 70
D. I. Nash, journey out town, car fare and postage,	4 20
S. A. Fletcher, journey to Boston and returning births,	3 50
M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	4 00
Oscar Cram, expenses as police officer,	7 01

\$292 07

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$2,086 30
Incidental school expenses,	159 10
School books and supplies,	126 19
Highway department,	948 66
Bridges,	152 53
Removing snow,	609 08
Poor department,	1,261 09
Town officers,	643 35
State aid,	544 00
Soldier's relief,	682 32
Town Hall account,	149 14
Cemetery,	120 50
Memorial Day,	97 48
Fire department,	265 51
Forest fires,	276 22
Abatements,	297 23
Miscellaneous,	292 07
High School pupils,	456 25
Tramp department,	80 24
Naming avenues and erecting boards in cemetery,	29 20
Foot lights and curtains for Town Hall,	125 00
Painting school house,	203 85
Repairs on school house,	74 34
Grading school house yard,	44 00
Military aid,	18 00
Sidewalks,	34 00
Sophronia Fuller, lot in cemetery,	5 00
P. B. Russell, lot in cemetery,	3 00

\$9,783 65

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received of Executors of		
Hon. Charles L. Flint,		\$5,000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton,	3,800 00	
Deposited in Savings Bank,	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.**DR.**

To balance unexpended, Feb. 1897,	\$626 26	
“ interest due at bank, Oct. 1897,	17 38	
“ “ received from Town on notes,	244 25	
“ “ “ “ bank, on \$600,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$899 89

CR.

By amount expended on books,	\$304 29	
“ “ “ “ periodicals,	37 85	
“ “ unexpended,	557 75	
	<hr/>	\$899 89

FLINT BUILDING FUND.**DR.**

To balance on hand, Feb. 1897,	\$170 26	
“ balance cash for grass on Library lot,	2 00	
To interest due at Salem Five Cent Savings Bank,	6 86	
	<hr/>	\$179 12

CR.

By cash paid for screens for Library,	\$ 50 00	
" balance on Bank account,	129 12	
		<u>\$179 12</u>

Middleton, Feb. 1898.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller Fund for cemetery lot,

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's account,	\$204 08	
To interest credited Oct., 1897.	8 24	
		<u>\$212 32</u>

CR.

By cash paid T. Carlin, work on lot,	\$5 00	
By balance on Bank account.	207 32	
		<u>\$212 32</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell fund, for cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's account,	\$102 34	
To interest credited Oct., 1897.	4 12	
		<u>\$106 46</u>

CR.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot,	\$3 00	
By balance on bank account,	103 46	
		<u>\$106 46</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the
Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per		
last year's report,	\$123	89
Interest collected on tax list of 1890,	2	00
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		\$125 89

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list		
of 1890,	\$101	23
Amount uncollected,	24	66
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		\$125 89

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per		
last year's report,	\$60	95
Interest collected on tax list of 1891,	5	62
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		\$66 57

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list		
of 1891,	\$26	82
Amount uncollected,	39	75
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		\$66 57

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town
of Middleton.

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1892, as per		
last year's report,	\$12	81
Interest collected,	1	17
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		\$13 98

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1892,	\$13 98
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DR.

Balance on tax list of 1893, as per last year's report,	\$185 25	
Interest collected,	<u>7 33</u>	
		\$192 58

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$133 06
Uncollected tax of 1893,	<u>59 52</u>
	\$192 58

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1894, as per last year's report,	\$711 76
Interest collected,	<u>43 40</u>
	\$755 16

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1894,	\$478 35
Uncollected tax of 1894,	<u>276 81</u>
	\$755 16

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1896, per last years's report,	\$2,109 73
Interest collected,	<u>27 22</u>
	\$2,136 95

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of		
1896,	\$ 762 26	
Uncollected tax of 1896,	1,374 69	
		\$2,136 95

DR.

Amount of tax list of 1897,	\$11,067 88	
Interest collected,	2 36	
		\$11,070 24

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of		
1897,	\$6,733 41	
Uncollected tax of 1897,	4,336 83	
		\$11,070 24

F. L. ESTEY, tax collector, in account with Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1895, as per		
last year's report,	\$1,254 32	
Interest collected,	30 41	
		\$1,284 73

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of		
1895,	\$ 514 23	
Uncollected tax of 1895,	770 50	
		\$1,284 73

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb., 1898.

DR.

To balance in treasury, Feb., 1897,	\$581 70
" cash from North Andover,	403 89
" " " Town of Holden,	43 00
" " " " " Topsfield,	23 75
" " " " " North Reading,	7 01
" cash from Leon G. Hayward for license,	3 00
" cash from Fred E. Campbell for use of Hall,	6 76
" cash from State Treasurer, inspector of animals,	20 00
" cash from State Treasurer, on note,	1,500 00
" cash from Miss Cairns, use of schoolhouse,	2 50
" cash from F. H. Wilkins for lumber,	1 53
" cash from M. E. Tyler for junk sold,	25
" cash from Otis H. Rennard, for board of wife,	53 39
" cash from Allen & Rogers, balance on interest,	5 84
" cash from State Treasurer on note,	1,000 00
" cash from Danvers Savings Bank,	1,000 00
" cash from State Treasurer, temporary support of state paupers,	7 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$4,659 62</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,659 62
To cash from Otis H. Rennard for board of wife,	42 43
" cash from Mrs. Willianna Mil- berry, cemetery lot,	10 00
" cash from Osgood Stiles, ceme- tery lot,	18 00
" cash from Fred J. Derry, ceme- tery lot,	18 00
" cash from A. W. Peabody, for paint from schoolhouse,	19 77
" cash from State Treasurer for cor- poration tax,	38 81
" cash from State Treasurer for National bank tax,	29 02
" cash from State Treasurer for State aid,	408 00
" cash from Frank Russell for wood	7 50
Received from B. T. McGlaulin, butcher license,	1 00
Received from M. E. Tyler, stove sold,	7 00
" " Henry Young, for use of Town Hall,	159 65
Received from M. E. Tyler, book sold,	25
" " County Treasurer, dog license returned,	140 52
Received from State school fund,	345 03
" " Lyman Darling Cem- etry lot,	20 00
Received from Sophronia Fuller Cemetery fund,	5 00
Received from Persis B. Russell, Cemetery fund,	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$5,932 60</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,932 60
Received from North Andover, one-	
half expense of bound stone,	3 50
Received from Frank Benitez, for wood,	6 50
" " Charles Cross, for wood,	4 50
" " Lynn Institution for	
Savings,	3,000 00
Received from A. W. Peabody, for	
coal from Mrs. Well's estate,	4 00
Received from sale of wood for	
schools and soldier's relief,	49 25
S. A. Fletcher, on taxes of 1890,	101 23
" " " " " 1891,	26 82
Jesse W. Peabody, on taxes of 1892,	13 98
" " " " " 1893,	133 06
" " " " " 1894,	478 35
Frank L. Estey, on taxes of 1895,	514 23
Jesse W. Peabody, on taxes of 1896,	762 26
" " " " " 1897,	6,733 41
	<u>\$17,763 69</u>

CR.

Paid interest on note of \$2,000 00,	\$ 80 00
" Allen & Rogers, interest on note	
of \$2,500 00,	50 00
" A. W. Peabody, balance on	
note of \$700 00 and interest,	781 73
" County Tax,	475 39
" State Tax,	367 50
" State Treasurer, note of \$1,500 00	
and interest,	1,532 08
Paid A. P. Tyler, interest on note of	
\$800 00, B. F. Emerson Fund,	40 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$3,326 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,326 70
Paid State Treasurer, note of \$1,000 00	
and interest,	1,017 50
Paid Danvers Savings Bank, note of	
\$1,000 00 and interest,	1,020 00
Paid \$600 00 on note of Flint book	
fund,	600 00
Paid interest on note of Flint book fund,	169 25
" " " " " " " "	75 00
" discount on \$3,000 00 note,	90 00
" Selectmen's orders,	9,783 91
Balance in treasury,	1,681 33
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	\$17,763 69

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate,	\$487,334 00
Personal estate,	54,248 00
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	\$541,582 00
Number of polls, 230,	
Rate of taxation, \$19 50 per \$1,000.	
Tax on polls,	\$ 460 00
Tax on real estate,	9,503 01
Tax on personal estate,	1,057 83
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	\$11,020 84
Amount voted for current expenses, \$2,500 00	
Schools,	1,700 00
Supplies,	225 00
Incidentals,	125 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$4,550 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,550 00
Amount Highways,	1,000 00
Bridges,	150 00
Cemetery,	125 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Library lot,	600 00
Support of poor,	2,000 00
Tuition of High school scholars,	800 00
Compensation of firemen,	60 00
Enforcement of liquor law,	50 00
Fire hose and supplies,	200 00
Repairing sidewalks,	50 00
Naming avenues and erect- ing boards at cemetery,	30 00
Laying floor at school house,	75 00
Grading Centre school yard,	50 00
Painting Centre school house,	175 00
Footlights and curtain at Town Hall,	125 00
County tax,	475 39
State tax,	367 50
Overlay,	37 95
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	\$11,020 84

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY,

Library building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,600 00
Town hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
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<i>Amonnt carried forward,</i>	\$31,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$31,000 00	
Lock-up,	500 00	
Cemetery,	1,300 00	
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00	
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1,000 00	
Gravel pit,	50 00	
B. F. Emerson fund,	10,025 36	
C. L. Flint book fund,	5,000 00	
Road machine,	200 00	
School books in use,	400 00	
		\$50,275 36

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at		
5 per cent.,	\$4,600 00	
Amount of town notes on interest at		
4 per cent.,	7,500 00	
Due the schools,	561 80	
		\$12,661 80

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's		
account,	\$1,681 33	
Due from State on account of State		
aid,	108 00	
Due from State on account of military,	9 00	
" " State Board of Health,	138 00	
" " Gloucester,	1,191 20	
School books on hand,	400 00	
Due from Otis F. Rennard,	85 15	
" " State,	4 00	
		\$3,616 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,616 68
Amount of uncollected tax, 1890,	24 66
" " " " 1891,	39 75
" " " " 1893,	59 52
" " " " 1894,	276 81
" " " " 1895,	770 50
" " " " 1896,	1,374 69
" " " " 1897,	4,336 83
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	\$6,882 76
Balance against the town,	2,162 36
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	\$12,661 80
Decrease in town debt,	\$2,024 35

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,	
DANA I. NASH,	
	<i>Middleton.</i>

Flint Public Library.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year has been added to our history as a Library, and we are pleased to note the continued appreciation of the advantages afforded this community in a Library so well furnished with recent publications, valuable books of reference and current periodical literature.

A large number of new books have been added to the Library during the past year, and a few worn out books have been replaced by new ones.

Among the new books which have been purchased is a fine set of the Century Dictionary, which with the Encyclopedias already on our shelves afford ample opportunity for special research.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift, on June 17th, of the bust of Sir Walter Scott, by Mrs. William C. Endicott. It is very pleasant to have our Library remembered in this way by a descendant of one of the early ministers of this town, Rev. Elias Smith.

The Library is indebted to Mr. W. S. Armstrong of Dolgeville, N. Y., for the Dolgeville Herald, and to the proprietors of the Woman's Journal for a copy weekly of that paper. We are furnished gratuitously with Traveller's Record and Good Roads.

Following are the publications to be found in the reading room:

Weekly:—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's, Scientific American, Woman's Journal, Good Roads and Dolgeville Herald.

Monthly :— Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, Scribners' Magazine, New England Magazine, Forum, Review of Reviews, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, St. Nicholas, Traveller's Record.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} <i>Trustees of Flint Public Library.</i>
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
GEORGE F. HASKELL,	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	
H. HERBERT WILKINS,	
GALEN B. HOWE,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in library Feb. 1897,	4,625
New books purchased, DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	261
Books presented by R. B. Swift,	1
" " " William H. Fuller,	3
" " " Moses Hull,	1
" " " Mass. State Secretary,	6
" " " U. S. Government,	12
Books in Library, Feb., 1898,	4,913

Pamphlets received in 1897 :

From William H. Fuller,	7
“ Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
“ H. P. Emerson,	1
“ Lorrin A. Thurston,	1
“ Peabody Institute, Danvers,	1
“ Public Library, Salem,	1
“ “ “ Bedford,	1
“ “ “ Newton,	1
“ Essex Co. Treasurer,	1
“ Mass. State Secretary,	3
“ U. S. Government,	6

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New names added to the list of persons receiving books from the library,	39
Whole number of books taken from the library, Feb. 1, 1897 — Feb. 1, 1898,	5,176
Whole number of visitors registered in the library, Feb. 1, 1897 — 1898,	50
Largest number of books circulated in month of January, 1898,	504
Smallest number of books circulated in month of Dec., 1897,	338
Number of days the library has been open,	103

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian.*

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

**S. A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

CR.

To services as librarian and janitor,	\$150 00
" cash paid F. J. Barnard, binding books,	16 69
" cash paid for four insurance policies,	75 90
" cash paid Danvers Water Board,	7 00
" " M. E. Tyler, for teaming,	1 30
" cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., 105 gallons gasolene, at 15c.,	15 75
" cash paid Lore & Russell, for coal,	45 48
" cash paid C. F. Floyd, care of lawn,	8 93
" cash paid J. A. Atwood, cutting trees and care of lawn,	16 95
" cash paid Herbert O. Hatch, mending pipe,	50
" cash paid B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	1 50
" cash paid American Express Co.	2 49
" " " Philbrick & Perkins, paper for covers,	2 58
" cash paid L. P. Fletcher, catalogueing books,	13 00
" cash paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, saw, saw horse, etc., etc.,	2 16
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$360 23

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$360 23	
To cash paid John H. Choate & Co.,		
printing catalogues,	28 75	
" cash paid for car fare, postage		
stamps, etc.,	3 26	
" cash paid for sharpening mower		
and mending chair,	1 34	
		\$393 58

DR.

Received of B. F. Emerson Fund,	\$385 12	
for two gasolene barrels,		
returned,	1 60	
for catalogues and fines,	6 86	
		\$393 58

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson fund submit the following as their ninth annual report.

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,119 24	
Atchison 4% bonds,	2,948 25	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. 6% bonds,	2,290 00	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover Savings bank,	1,000 00	
Danvers Savings bank,	867 87	
		\$10,025 36

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance on hand, Feb. 1897,	\$111 54
" N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	120 00
" on Atchison 4% bonds,	100 00
" " " income bonds,	30 00
" " Town note,	40 00
" " Andover bank,	46 66
" " Danvers bank,	27 28

\$475 48

CR.

Paid for safe deposit vault,	\$ 10 00
" to S. A. Fletcher on library acct.,	385 12
" A. Shepard, care of Emerson lot,	2 50
By balance on hand,	77 86

\$475 48

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees of
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

B. F. Emerson Fund.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

Auditor's Report.

The Auditor of the Town of Middleton having examined the books and accounts of the town ending February 22, 1898, finds vouchers for all orders drawn on treasury. He also finds in the Treasurer's hands funds as required by the books.

Respectfully,

ALBERT A. WILKNS, *Auditor.*

Estimates for Next Year.

The Finance Committee respectfully submits the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses,	\$2,500 00
Poor department,	1,000 00
Highways,	800 00
Bridges,	100 00
Repairing sidewalks,	50 00
Schools,	1,600 00
High school pupils,	650 00
School incidental expenses,	150 00
School supplies,	150 00
Compensation to firemen,	60 00
Cemetery,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Enforcement of the law against the the sale of intoxicating liquors,	50 00
Appropriation for library lot,	600 00
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	\$7,860 00

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance.

Hosa W. Richardson,
Samuel A. Fletcher,
John M. Peabody,
Frank L. Estey,
Charles A. Fletcher,
Joseph W. Russell,
Loren G. Estey,
Daniel Weston,

Sylvanus Flint,
Elic E. Richardson,
Charles J. Brown,
Solomon W. Weston,
Hazen K. Richardson,
Kendall F. Richardson,
Henry F. White,
John A. Curtis.

Town Meeting Warrant.

To Oscar Cram, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to revoke Sections 25 and 26, Chapter 423, of the Acts of 1893.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, on the petition of Austin P. Bagley and nine others.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Orders of the Town of Middleton by adopting the following article, or take any action thereon. The assessors shall cause to be printed an account of the valuation and taxation of the Town for the year 1898 and 1899, and also for each third year thenceforward, on the petition of Austin P. Bagley and nine others.

Art. 7. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will have cut on the town lot what wood that will be necessary for the year ensuing and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood when sawed and split shall be disposed of.

Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise to pay the tuition of the High School pupils.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

Art. 12. To act on the list of jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

Art. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take concerning the Cemetery.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to compensation of firemen.

Art. 17. To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to paint and varnish the hearse and purchase one pair of double harnesses and runners and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take in regard to unoccupied school houses.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take in re-

gard to compensating the Merritt Electric Company for blowing school and fire signals.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be used on the road leading from South Main Street through Haswell Park.

Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer money as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre Post-Office, and one at the Post-Office in South Middleton in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Middleton.</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		
DANA I. NASH,		

